

AMERICAN FRIENDS

SERVICE COMMITTEE

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**1943 VOLUNTEER  
SERVICE PROJECTS**

*"There is not enough darkness in all the world  
to put out the light of one small candle."*

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE is deeply conscious that progress toward objectives for which many have worked during the past few years has become increasingly difficult due to present aspects of world conflict. "The forces of light, love and reason have not been able to stop the darkness of a new crucifixion. We are staggered by the folly and stupidity of it all — the vast insanity of expecting to save the ideals of life and of democracy by killing the youth of the world, by bombing cities, by torpedoing ocean liners, and by throwing the world into moral chaos."

We believe that the majority of people are confused by the destructive forces and are uncertain as to the steps necessary to remove the causes. On individual citizens, however, rests the responsibility of confronting hatred with love; ignorance with insight; intolerance with forbearance; distrust with confidence; and waste with intelligent conservation.

This year with the whole world at war, the American Friends Service Committee, as in former years, will offer projects of volunteer service where men and women can begin to set in motion a new chain of circumstances based on justice, tolerance, internationalism and love. These projects enable volunteers to express the way of peace in rural areas and crowded city slums, among homeless migrants and dispossessed sharecroppers, between races, and across international borders. A new order will come, not by edict, nor as a tidal wave sweeping all before it, but step by step as men put their personal idealism into practice for building a new order in the midst of destruction.



*Through these projects we offer you an opportunity to help*

- ... Make Religion Significant in a World of Violence
- ... Develop Specific Projects for Local Education and Reconstruction
- ... Cultivate an Appreciation for the Contribution of Minorities to a Democracy
- ... Share in Extending International Goodwill
- ... Show the Needs for Social, Economic and Political Changes Essential to an Enduring Peace
- ... Develop American Democracy as a Genuine Power for Peace and World Reconstruction



## CIVILIAN TRAINING UNITS

Civilian Training Units are designed to prepare for service, in their own homes, communities or in other countries, those who believe in the power of constructive goodwill. They are arranged for training in techniques and skills useful to significant and helpful living. Under competent guidance actual experience is obtained in gardening, preservation of foods, meal planning, community and home recreation, first aid, handicrafts, and simple carpentry. The day's program gives opportunity for a deepening of spiritual life through meditation and discussion. Visiting faculty members will join in the leadership of the group. The experience of living together is an initiation into the discipline of cooperative and democratic living.

**Highacres** — Glen Mills, Pa., June 25 - August 22. 25 women. Fee \$100, includes attendance at the Institute of International Relations at Bryn Mawr College from June 25 - July 4.

**New England**—Will be located on a lake-side near Storrs, Conn., or on a farm just outside Concord, N. H., June 26 - August 14. 25 women. Fee \$75.

**Hidden Villa**—Los Altos, California, July 9 - September 5. 25 men and women. Will give special training in recreation and community work among migrants and "new settlers." Fee \$75.

**East Point**—Halifax, Vermont, August 1 - September 3. 12 High School boys and girls. A combined educational and work project for training in democratic living. The group will attend the Shawnee-on-the-Delaware Institute in Pennsylvania from August 27 - September 3. Fee \$60.

**Quaker Cove**—Puget Sound, Washington, June 27 - July 16. 20 to 30 religious and social workers. Seminar primarily for study and discussion of the problems of reconstruction of human attitudes. Leaders will be Fritz Kunkel, Herschel Coffin, Bayard Rustin and others.





## WORK CAMPS

Work Camps are being located in areas of social and economic maladjustment and among minority and marginal populations, where problems of long duration have been intensified by the war and where re-adjustment will be difficult after the war.

Through hard physical work members of the group earn the right to share in the life of the community, and seek constructive, non-violent solutions to the problems in each region. Simple camp life, cooperative organization of camp duties, group meditation and discussion provide a setting for experience in constructive service.

**Chicago Work Camp**—Chicago, Illinois, June 18 - August 13. 20 men and women. Located in the Ida B. Wells community, a part of the Chicago Housing Authority program. Campers will assist in the development of the recreational facilities, and other community services of this Negro community of 7000 people. Fee \$75.

**Indianapolis Work Camp**—Indianapolis, Indiana, June 18 - August 13. 25 men and

women. In the first year this year-round Work Camp has assisted the Negro community center—Flanner House—to prepare and salvage materials for a new community center plant. The summer camp will continue to develop and extend the facilities and program of Flanner House, through actual building construction; through the cooperative garden project used by 250 families; and through other community activities. Fee \$75 for the summer period; \$35 per month for longer periods.

**Wolfe County Work Camp**—Hazel Green, Kentucky, June 18 - August 13. 15 men and women. The members of this camp will live at the Hazel Green Academy and participate in the renovation and repair of some of the school buildings in the county. This county is one of the poorest in the state, with inadequate health facilities, little farming land, and little taxable property to support the county government. Fee \$75. (This camp is planned in cooperation with the Disciples of Christ, who maintain the Hazel Green Academy.)

**Southeastern Missouri**—June 18 - August 13. As a continuation of work done in Delmo Group Labor Homes of the Farm Security Administration last summer, a small year-round unit has been maintained at Grayridge, Missouri. Projects related to this Government program are being planned for this year. Campers have first-hand opportunity of observing the one-crop farming system and land tenure problems, especially as they relate to the evicted sharecropper. Fee \$75 summer camp; \$35 per month for longer periods.

**Migrant Labor Camps**—These projects will be established as need arises for them. Campers will live in small groups in the Farm Security Administration migrant labor camps, assisting with the administration of the camp and working with the migrant people in the fields.



**Individual Assignments** to social agencies and settlement houses will be made for those interested.

**College Credit Seminar**—August 15-September 10. This seminar, arranged to follow the close of the Work Camp period, is for men and women from colleges cooperating in a plan to grant credit for the Work Camp and Seminar work. Some of the Work Camps are certified for credit, and give special field training in sociology, economics, political science, religion and education. A camp member who expects to work for credit plans with the local college professor; does preliminary reading before the camp opens; and during the Seminar studies a problem related to the camp area, on which he prepares a paper.

Experience gained in camps certified for college credit and in the Credit Seminar, is of special value to students participating in a college course on *relief and reconstruction*. Some camps will be specially adapted to provide adequate *field work* for these courses. Fee \$50.

**Junior Work Camps**—These camps will be located in areas where high school students may share in community problems and participate in physical projects and in the educational and recreational program of the community. These camps are open to students between the ages of 15 and 18.

**Vinal Haven Work Camp**—Vinalhaven, Maine, June 18-August 13. 25 boys and girls. This island with 1200 inhabitants is seeking a solution to the economic problems of the community. The large granite quarries closed several years ago, and the industries connected with fishing have disappeared. The cooperative movement has established a credit union on the island, and there are prospects for a new fishing industry. The campers will help renovate and rehabilitate



the town hall; improve the community playgrounds; and help establish recreation and group work among the children of the island. Fee \$100.

**New Jersey Farm Camp**—June 18-August 13. (Additional time may be spent at the camp before and after those dates, according to the harvesting needs, 25 boys and girls. This camp will provide opportunity for high school boys and girls to work in agriculture under the supervision of the American Friends Service Committee. Campers will work in the fields, receiving the going wage for such work. They will participate in an educational program which will emphasize rural problems and problems connected with relief and reconstruction work abroad.

The camp will be located near an experimental, cooperative canning project, an experimental food dehydrating center and a Farm Security Administration migrant labor camp. Fee \$100. Campers will apply their earnings toward the camp fee, which covers board, room, supervision, and the educational program. Campers will be encouraged to apply any earnings beyond the fee to reconstruction work, during and after the war.





## INTERNATIONAL SERVICE SEMINARS

The International Service Seminars will bring together from this and other countries students whose common bond of interest is the concern to promote international peace. These students need each other in the struggle for peace and in applying themselves to the problems within their own countries. Facing this common task from the point of view of their separate countries will make them more effective in their efforts for peace when they return to their homes.

Faculty members will be brought in to help the group analyze the problems of international peace. Historical, economic, religious, and sociological aspects will be considered and special emphasis given to possible solutions and to post-war re-organization and reconstruction.

Group life includes responsibility, by members of the group, for housekeeping and some service project. Each day will include a program of meditation, study, recreation and work.

**Ohio-Michigan Area**—30 students from foreign countries and 10 from the United States will be accepted. June 26 - August 14. Fee \$100.

**Guilford College, North Carolina**—30 students from foreign countries and 10 from the United States will be accepted. The program emphasis will be primarily on Latin American problems in the world picture. July 1 - August 19. Fee \$100.

It is hoped that a third International Service Seminar may be held. The time, place and program emphasis will be announced later.

**Mexico**—Since 1939 groups have worked in Mexico. Women organized playground activities for children in urban and rural areas. Men helped build school houses, a cotton gin and a model village; helped dig a ditch through tropical jungle to drain water from a malaria mosquito-infested swamp and build latrines to eradicate hookworm. In addition, they carried on an extensive program in the fields of rural education, sanitation and public health. A group of men and women are now at work in Xico, Veracruz.

Working side by side with the Mexican people, helping them to do something which they feel is important, these men and women have won the enthusiastic support of Mexican Government officials, the goodwill of hundreds of Mexican peasants, and enriched their own lives through a better understanding of our neighbors to the South.

Men who are not of military draft age and women may replace those who return from Mexico.

Fee \$35 per month for a period of six months or longer. \$175 for 8 weeks—June 20-August 20.



## PEACE CARAVANS

After a period of intensive training at one of the summer Institutes of International Relations, Caravans will work in rural areas in groups of four to help community citizens and themselves think constructively about a satisfactory peace in a war mad world. A

sponsoring committee prepares for their coming and opens up opportunities for service.

Caravans will be located in: **Maryland, Washington, California, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New York**, and possibly in other states. June 26 - August 22. Fee \$100.

**New York and Pennsylvania.** These groups will travel about reaching approximately twenty-five communities during the summer. Will attend the Bryn Mawr Institute.

**Westminster, Md.**—6 men and women. A community program, centering in the Negro High School and playground, with the purpose of strengthening the bond of understanding between two races. Will attend the Bryn Mawr Institute.



## Institutes of International Relations

During the summer of 1943 the American Friends Service Committee will conduct ten Institutes of International Relations for students, teachers, ministers, and other leaders. Through faculties of able men and women from Europe, Asia and this hemisphere, the Institutes will offer an opportunity for a well-rounded approach to the many problems of establishing and maintaining a warless world.

Following is a list of Institutes and dates:

### MID-WEST INSTITUTES

#### FRIENDS UNIVERSITY

Wichita, Kansas—June 8 - June 17

#### GRINNELL COLLEGE

Grinnell, Iowa—June 15 - June 24

**For more detailed information on Work Camps, write:**

#### WORK CAMP COMMITTEE

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### WEST COAST INSTITUTES

#### REED COLLEGE

Portland, Oregon—June 20 - June 27

#### MILLS COLLEGE

Oakland, California—June 27 - July 7

#### WHITTIER COLLEGE

Whittier, California—July 7 - July 17

### EAST COAST INSTITUTES

#### WOMAN'S COLLEGE, U. OF N. CAROLINA

Greensboro, N. C.—June 18 - June 26

#### ANDOVER-NEWTON

Newton-Centre, Mass.—July 5 - July 14

#### NEW YORK STATE

(Place and date to be announced)

#### BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania—June 25 - July 4

#### SHAWNEE-ON-THE-DELAWARE

Pennsylvania—August 27 - September 3

**For more detailed information on Civilian Training Units, Peace Caravans, International Service Seminars, and Institutes, write:**

#### PEACE SECTION

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## *The American Friends Service Committee*

representing the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) was founded in 1917 to carry on relief and post-war reconstruction in Europe. It has since been engaged in many projects here and abroad to promote international and industrial understanding, and to offer opportunities for constructive, patriotic service to those who are interested. Its relief work in Germany, Spain, Poland, and more recently in unoccupied France, and its work in depressed industrial sections of the United States, has been participated in and supported by Americans of all denominations.

At the present time there are projects carried on throughout the year for those who want to volunteer their services for constructive work.

The Service Committee has maintained centers for study and international fellowship in Europe and Asia, and since May, 1940 has administered non-partisan relief for refugees and war victims. The Committee has also been authorized by the director of the Selective Service System to conduct Civilian Public Service Camps for conscientious objectors in the United States. Since the evacuation from the West Coast of persons of Japanese ancestry, many of whom are American citizens, the Committee has been working on the employment and resettlement of these individuals outside the Relocation Centers.



*"The road from night to full day will be long; but of decisive importance are the first steps on the path."*